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PROGRAMME QUESTIONS

1. The Commission on Science and Technology for Development considered item 8 of its agenda at the 12th and 13th meetings, on 20 April 1993.

2. The Chief of the Science and Technology Branch of the Department of Economic and Social Development of the United Nations Secretariat introduced agenda item 8 by describing the four subprogrammes of programme 17 of the revised medium-term plan for the period 1992-1997 (see document E/CN.16/1993/CRP.2):

(a) Endogenous capacity-building and resource mobilization;

(b) Advanced Technology Assessment System (ATAS);

(c) Coordination and harmonization of activities of the United Nations system in science and technology;

(d) Information services.

3. Each of these subprogrammes includes various types of activities, for example, the issuing of publications such as Update (Technology Assessment) (including the supplement) and the ATAS Bulletin. Operational activities are

related to coordination, harmonization and liaison, international cooperation, and provision of information materials and advisory services, as well as other operational activities providing, inter alia, information support services for science and technology.

4. The programme of work on science and technology for development for 1994-1995 and the functions of both the United Nations Secretariat and the Commission on Science and Technology for Development as outlined in document E/CN.16/1993/CRP.2 were generally supported. However, it was felt that the restructuring process might affect the medium-term programme. The programme content should be preserved.

5. The role of the regional commissions was emphasized. The regional commissions should coordinate the programme at the regional level, according to their relative comparative advantage.